

at least one input device; and
a detector configured to examine a runtime version of said screen element to identify whether said screen element supports said input device by determining whether input device-handling program code is associated with said screen element.--

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--19. (NEW) The computer in accordance with Claim 18 wherein said detector comprises program code readable by a processor of said computer.--

--20. (NEW) The computer in accordance with Claim 18 wherein said detector is configured to examining one or more interface declarations associated with said screen element to determine if said code is associated with said screen element.--

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 1999, with respect to the above-referenced application. By this Office Action, Applicant has amended Claim 1 and added new Claims 2-20.

By the Office Action, the Examiner indicated the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jensen (U.S. Patent No. 5,861,864) and as being anticipated by Shimada et al. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,790,797).

Applicant asserts that Claim 1, as amended, is patentable over the cited references. Claim 1 recites a method of detecting input device support of a screen

input device when input device-handling program code is associated with the screen element. Applicant asserts that the cited references do not disclose or suggest detecting input device support for a screen element of a graphical user interface in any manner.

Applicant asserts that new Claims 2-20 are allowable over the cited prior art as depending upon Claim 1 and/or for similar reasons. As such, Applicant asserts that Claims 1-20 are in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice as to the same. If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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